

KNOW GOD : Omnipotent

As one considers the characteristics of God they begin to know Him in a more personal way. In this series of articles on knowing God, we have made an effort to look closely at the qualities of the one true God of heaven that we all might get to know Him better. It is important to know God as the book of Job 18:21 states, "Surely such are the dwellings of the wicked, and this is the place of him who does not know God." With this brief message, take the time to consider your view of God and then compare it to the Bible. Do you know God?

In our previous articles we considered that God knows everything and that He is everywhere. In this article we want to add to these similar qualities that God is omnipotent or that He has all power. There is no power that stands against the Almighty power of God and we need to appreciate the strength that lies in His hands. As we examine the Bible, may it be the "power of God unto salvation" in your life today (Rom. 1:16-17). Humbly accept your position under His mighty hand.

OUR GOD HAS ALL POWER

How many people do you know who can speak things into existence from nothing? No person has ever been able to do such things unless they are using some form of deceptive magic and trickery. Our God really spoke into existence what He wanted and they were created. In Genesis 1:3, 11, we read, "Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light... Then God said, 'Let the earth sprout vegetation: plants yielding seed, {and} fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit after their kind with seed in them'; and it was so." God made everything in demonstrating His power and might over the entire universe. The psalmist recognized that power and penned these words in Psalm 33:8-9, "Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. For He spoke and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast." The "all" of the earth includes you and me with regards to fearing the Lord and standing in awe of Him for the wonderful works He has done with His own power and might.

In Jeremiah 32:17, we read an expression to God about His power saying, "Ah Lord GOD! Behold, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for you..." Some people never hear about the power of God and we are told to learn about it, as in Isaiah 40:21-31, the Bible says, "Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been declared to you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, who stretches out the heavens like a curtain and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in. He {it is} who reduces rulers to nothing, who makes the judges of the earth meaningless. Scarcely have they been planted, scarcely have they been sown, scarcely has their stock taken root in the earth, but He merely blows on them, and they wither, and the storm carries them away like stubble. 'To whom then will you liken me that I would be {his} equal?' says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see who has created these {stars} the One

who leads forth their host by number, He calls them all by name; because of the greatness of His might and the strength of {His} power, not one {of them} is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and assert, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the LORD, and the justice due me escapes the notice of my God?' Do you not know? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable. He gives strength to the weary, and to {him who} lacks might He increases power. Though youths grow weary and tired, and vigorous young men stumble badly, Yet those who wait for the LORD will gain new strength; they will mount up {with} wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary."

People need to realize the facts concerning God's power and live relying on Him. Our Savior taught about God's powerful abilities in Matthew 19:26 where it is written, "And looking at {them} Jesus said to them, 'With people this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.'"

Once we come to realize the power of God, we will live in such a way that our lives will be an example of humble service to Him. In Revelation 11:15-17, the Bible says, "Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, 'The kingdom of the world has become {the kingdom} of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever.' And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying, 'We give You thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who are and who were, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign.'" God in His power and might continues to rule over this world and all those who dwell in it. What is important is that we acknowledge His power and live in submission to His will without fear of what might happen to our lives while we are under His power. In Hebrews 13:5-6, we read, "He Himself has said, 'I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU,' so that we confidently say, 'THE LORD IS MY HELPER, I WILL NOT BE AFRAID. WHAT WILL MAN DO TO ME?'" Are you living in the power of God today? Humble yourself under the mighty hand of God! Come under His power and live for Him!